

Jemez Mountains Storytelling Jamboree

Valles Caldera National Preserve - July 26, 2014 - 11 AM to 7 PM

1-866-382-5537 - www.vallescaldera.gov

Kay Negash

Kay Negash has been telling stories professionally since the early 1980s, in planetariums, schools, libraries, nursing homes, tea houses, places of different religious denominations, at conferences and festivals, in the United States, Ireland, and Central and South America. In the Latin countries, she gathered local folklore, translated it from Spanish into English, and includes these stories in her performing repertoire. Other story subjects include personal and family stories, costumed dramatizations of women in history, and myths and folktales from cultures across the globe.

A former teacher with an M.A. in Theater and Drama, she has published two pieces in National Storytelling Network publications. She created a project entitled "Storytelling for Teens at Risk", in which she selected eight storytellers, including herself, to tell

stories to homeless, incarcerated, and mentally ill youth in detention centers, psychiatric hospitals, and shelters. She is currently a member of a multi-cultural troupe of four storytellers called "The Traveling Rainbow Tellers". This group has traveled together to Mexico and across Colorado telling stories to economically disadvantaged groups.

<http://www.kaysstory.com/>



Linda Batlin

Linda Batlin is a storyteller and author from Boulder, Colorado where she has lived for over half of her life. She tells stories filled with wisdom and mirth for all ages in schools, libraries, festivals, museums, senior centers, and other events. Her living history presentations of important women characters from Colorado history bring them to life. Her repertoire is also filled with multicultural folktales from around the world such as Asian stories, animal stories, ghost stories, Jewish folktales, nature stories, puppets, etc. Linda has had the good fortune to trek, travel and climb in many parts of the world, many of them quite remote and exotic. Along the way she has collected folktales from the places she has visited.

She is a contributing author to the books "Chili Today, Hot Tamale, and Other Tummy Tales" and "Ole! Posole! and Other Tummy Tales".

Linda is a member of the storytelling troupe The Traveling Rainbow Tellers, and will be telling at the Jamboree with one of the other members of the troupe, Kay Negash.

<http://www.lindabatlin.com>



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Indiana Bones (Mike McCartney)

Indiana Bones, "Keeper of Legends" (aka Mike McCartney), is an EMMY AWARD winning writer, producer and performing artist.

Combining archeology, action, adventure, ancient legends, mythology and folklore, Indy thrills and educates audiences with his unique storytelling abilities. Indy weaves stories for students, families, sci-fi lovers and museum goers alike.

A former PBS documentary producer/writer, TV personality, professional actor and faculty member of Mississippi State University, Indy is now a full time professional storyteller and guest lecturer at the University of New Mexico. Indy believes that storytelling can be used as an effective teaching tool.



Residing in Santa Fe, NM, Indy finds that the combination of history, legends and ghost stories from around the world offers the perfect backdrop for digging up the old stories. Indiana Bones has traveled the world to gather his stories. With the use of artifacts, fossils, lively puppets and a crack of his bull whip, Indy leads the audience on a journey through time.

<http://www.storyteller.net/tellers/mmccartney>

Brenda J. Hollingsworth-Marley

Brenda J. Hollingsworth-Marley (formerly known as Mrs. Pickett), was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. Brenda J. H. Marley is also known as the "Story Songbird Woman" and was pinched by the story and performance fairy at the tender age of 7 years old. As a young girl, this Story Songbird Woman would make puppets out of socks, and she entertained herself for hours reading the white billowy clouds in Utah on her Mother's front porch steps.



Brenda Marley has worked in Hollywood with actors: Checky Green, Cloris Leachman, and the late Bill Bixby. Brenda is happy to have worked on several films as an extra, and she has made videos for Kaiser Permanente and the "P Funk" artist "George Clinton." Brenda Marley has also performed locally as an actor in musicals and plays. She has acted in and written her own plays and been a narrator for many shows and collaborations in the theater and dance world.



Brenda Marley is a singer, actress, storyteller, puppeteer, dancer, drummer, poet, public speaker, workshop facilitator, drama/vocal/storytelling coach, martial artists (black belt), songwriter, and writer, playwright, published poet and vegetarian chef!

<http://www.storybirdsongstress.com/>

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Steven Plá

Steven Plá, international storyteller, has been telling stories from around the world for over 30 years. A lifetime student of mythology, folklore, language, history, and literature, Steven tells both in English and Spanish, and also performs Sea Chanteys and traditional stories of the sea. He has been featured on TV and radio, and has performed all over New Mexico, and as far as Nicaragua.



Steven believes that storytelling is a bridge to understanding between cultures, and can be an important way to contribute to peace by promoting an appreciation of the traditional values, and of valuing the differences, of all the world's people.



Storytelling from many cultures helps us all to understand each other better, and in that small way helps to promote peace and goodwill. Steven brings tradition and wisdom from diverse areas of the world together in his telling, in order to promote a broader sense of belonging to a fascinating and diverse worldwide community of many peoples, brought together by the magic of story.

<http://stevenplastyteller.weebly.com/>

Paul Tosa

Paul Tosa, who was a four-term Governor for Jemez Pueblo and is a lifetime appointee to the Tribal Council, will share his passion for the history and culture of his people and their ties to the entire Jemez Mountain Range and the sacred ground of the Valles Caldera. Paul will “guide” you to remembered places on in the Valles Caldera through stories of the origin, migration, and survival-against-all-odds of the Hemish; stories that are essential to the preservation of their traditional way of life.